

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic communications device comprising:

a processor; and

a storage medium comprising program instructions executable by the processor for:

receiving an electronic notification of a change to a directory entry stored within the electronic communications device, wherein the electronic notification is associated with includes an identifier, a category heading, and an altered value;

presenting the electronic notification to a user of the electronic communications device; and

automatically updating the directory entry to include the altered value upon receipt of an acceptance command generated by the user, wherein the step of automatically updating the directory entry comprises:

comparing the identifier of the electronic notification to entry identifiers corresponding to a plurality of directory entries stored within the electronic communications device;

comparing the category heading of the electronic notification to field headings corresponding to the plurality of directory entries, upon matching the identifier of the electronic notification to an entry identifier associated with the directory entry; and

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replacing one or more entry content values corresponding to the directory entry  
with the altered value, upon matching the category heading of the  
electronic notification to one or more field headings associated with the  
directory entry.

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said altered value comprises a name, a telephone number, a mailing address or an email address.
4. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic communications device comprises a telephone.
5. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic communications device comprises a facsimile machine.
6. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic communications device comprises a personal digital assistant.
7. (Currently Amended) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 1, wherein the storage medium further comprises a data structure, wherein said data structure comprises fields adapted for storage of entry content values and an entry identifier associated with each of the plurality of directory entries, and wherein the category heading associated with the electronic notification corresponds to one or more headings of said fields.
8. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 7, wherein said entry content values comprise a name, a telephone number, a mailing address or an email address.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 1, wherein the storage medium further comprises program instructions executable by the processor for presenting a permission prompt to the user of the electronic communications device.

11. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 10, wherein said presenting comprises displaying on an output mechanism of the electronic communications device.

12. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 10, wherein said presenting comprises providing audible output.

13. (Previously Presented) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 10, wherein the storage medium further comprises program instructions executable by the processor for receiving a confirmation indicator to accept the received electronic notification.

14. (Previously Presented) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 10, wherein the storage medium further comprises program instructions executable by the processor for receiving a reject command to reject the received electronic notification.

15. (Original) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 14, wherein said receiving comprises receiving a vocal input.

16. (Previously Presented) The electronic communications device as recited in claim 14, wherein said receiving comprises receiving a dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) tone.

17. - 20 (Cancelled)

21. (Original) A method for allowing an update of a directory entry within an electronic communications device upon receipt of an electronic notification, said method comprising:

receiving said electronic notification indicating that at least a portion of the directory entry has changed to an altered value;

searching entirety of directory entries to match an identifier of the electronic notification with a matching entry identifier associated with the directory entry;

matching a field heading associated with the data structure of the directory entry with a category heading of said electronic notification; and

updating one or more entry content values with the altered value, wherein said entry content values correspond to a field associated with the matching entry identifier and field heading of the directory entry.

22. (Original) A storage medium comprising program instructions executable using a processor within an electronic communications device for:

receiving said electronic notification indicating that at least a portion of the directory entry has changed to an altered value;

searching entirely of directory entries to match an identifier of the electronic notification with a matching entry identifier associated with the directory entry; and

matching a field heading associated with the data structure of the directory entry with a category heading of said electronic notification; and

updating one or more entry content values with the altered value, wherein said entry content values correspond to a field associated with the matching entry identifier and field heading of the directory entry.